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RADIAL PROJECTION

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The references cited on the attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. A copy of each foreign reference is enclosed.

DE 3,531,030 discloses an axle (4) with bearing races (11) forming projections (unnumbered) located inside a bottom bracket (1) of a bicycle.

DE 197 51 879 discloses a composite axle (6, 9) with projections (7, 10) located inside a bottom bracket (13) of a bicycle.

DE 199 54 432 discloses axles (3, 23) with radially inwardly stepped ends (3a, 3b, 23a, 23b).

FR 904,975 discloses an axle (1) forming a projection. It is unknown where the projection would be located relative to the bottom bracket.

FR 946,276 discloses an axle (1) with what appears to be bearing races (2) forming a projection. It is unknown where the projection would be located relative to the bottom bracket.

FR 2,501,615 discloses an axle (1) with bearing races (14, 15) forming projections located within a bottom bracket (6).

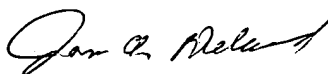
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The three US references and EP 1,352,825 were cited by the examiner during prosecution of a related copending application, 10/751,247.

It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

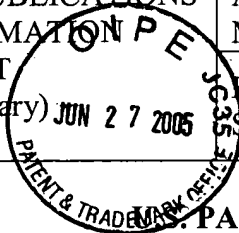
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